

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Paraformaldehyde

Product Number : 441244  
Brand : Aldrich  
CAS-No. : 30525-89-4

### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Synthesis of substances

Uses advised against : The product is being supplied under the TSCA R&D Exemption (40 CFR Section 720.36). It is the recipient's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the R&D exemption. The product may not be used for a non-exempt commercial purpose under TSCA unless appropriate consent is granted in writing by MilliporeSigma.

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Inc.  
3050 SPRUCE ST  
ST. LOUIS MO 63103  
UNITED STATES  
Telephone : +1 314 771-5765  
Fax : +1 800 325-5052

### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : 800-424-9300 CHEMTREC (USA) +1-703-527-3887 CHEMTREC (International) 24 Hours/day; 7 Days/week

## SECTION 2: Hazards identification

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

#### GHS Classification in accordance with 29 CFR 1910 (OSHA HCS)

Flammable solids (Category 2), H228  
Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 4), H302  
Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 4), H332  
Skin irritation (Category 2), H315

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318  
 Skin sensitization (Category 1), H317  
 Germ cell mutagenicity (Category 2), H341  
 Carcinogenicity (Category 1B), H350  
 Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure (Category 3), Respiratory system, H335  
 Short-term (acute) aquatic hazard (Category 3), H402

For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

## 2.2 GHS Label elements, including precautionary statements

Pictogram



Signal Word

Danger

Hazard Statements

H228	Flammable solid.
H302 + H332	Harmful if swallowed or if inhaled.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H317	May cause an allergic skin reaction.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H335	May cause respiratory irritation.
H341	Suspected of causing genetic defects.
H350	May cause cancer.
H402	Harmful to aquatic life.

Precautionary Statements

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P202	Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.
P210	Keep away from heat/ sparks/ open flames/ hot surfaces. No smoking.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.
P241	Use explosion-proof electrical/ ventilating/ lighting/ equipment.
P261	Avoid breathing dust.
P264	Wash skin thoroughly after handling.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P272	Contaminated work clothing must not be allowed out of the workplace.
P273	Avoid release to the environment.
P280	Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection.
P301 + P312 + P330	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell. Rinse mouth.
P302 + P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P304 + P340 + P312	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing. Call a POISON CENTER/ doctor if you feel unwell.
P305 + P351 + P338 + P310	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Immediately call a POISON CENTER/ doctor.
P308 + P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/ attention.
P333 + P313	If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/ attention.

P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P370 + P378	In case of fire: Use dry sand, dry chemical or alcohol-resistant foam to extinguish.
P403 + P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.
P501	Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### 2.3 Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) or not covered by GHS

Combustible dust

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## SECTION 3: Composition/information on ingredients

### 3.1 Substances

Synonyms : Polyoxymethylene

Formula :  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}]_n$   
Molecular weight : 30.03 g/mol  
CAS-No. : 30525-89-4  
EC-No. : 608-494-5

Component	Classification	Concentration
<b>paraformaldehyde</b>	Flam. Sol. 2; Acute Tox. 4; Skin Irrit. 2; Eye Dam. 1; Skin Sens. 1; Muta. 2; Carc. 1B; STOT SE 3; Aquatic Acute 3; H228, H302, H332, H315, H318, H317, H341, H350, H335, H402	<= 100 %

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## SECTION 4: First aid measures

### 4.1 Description of first-aid measures

No data available

### 4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed

The most important known symptoms and effects are described in the labelling (see section 2.2) and/or in section 11

### 4.3 Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

No data available

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## **SECTION 5: Firefighting measures**

### **5.1 Extinguishing media**

No data available

### **5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Carbon oxides

Combustible.

### **5.3 Advice for firefighters**

No data available

### **5.4 Further information**

No data available

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## **SECTION 6: Accidental release measures**

### **6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

For personal protection see section 8.

### **6.2 Environmental precautions**

No data available

### **6.3 Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up**

No data available

### **6.4 Reference to other sections**

For disposal see section 13.

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## **SECTION 7: Handling and storage**

### **7.1 Precautions for safe handling**

For precautions see section 2.2.

### **7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Handle and store under inert gas. Moisture sensitive.

#### **Storage class**

Storage class (TRGS 510): 4.1B: Flammable solid hazardous materials

### **7.3 Specific end use(s)**

Apart from the uses mentioned in section 1.2 no other specific uses are stipulated

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## **SECTION 8: Exposure controls/personal protection**

### **8.1 Control parameters**

#### **Ingredients with workplace control parameters**

Contains no substances with occupational exposure limit values.

## 8.2 Exposure controls

### Personal protective equipment

#### Skin protection

This recommendation applies only to the product stated in the safety data sheet, supplied by us and for the designated use. When dissolving in or mixing with other substances and under conditions deviating from those stated in EN 16523-1 please contact the supplier of CE-approved gloves (e.g. KCL GmbH, D-36124 Eichenzell, Internet: [www.kcl.de](http://www.kcl.de)).

Full contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

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Splash contact

Material: Nitrile rubber

Minimum layer thickness: 0.11 mm

Break through time: 480 min

Material tested:KCL 741 Dermatril® L

#### Control of environmental exposure

Prevent product from entering drains.

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## SECTION 9: Physical and chemical properties

### 9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties

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| a) Appearance                              | Form: Needles   |
| b) Odor                                    | No data available   |
| c) Odor Threshold                          | No data available   |
| d) pH                                      | No data available   |
| e) Melting point/freezing point            | Melting point/ range: 120 - 170 °C (248 - 338 °F) - lit.        |
| f) Initial boiling point and boiling range | 135 - 136 °C 275 - 277 °F at 17.33 hPa                          |
| g) Flash point                             | ( )Not applicable   |
| h) Evaporation rate                        | No data available   |
| i) Flammability (solid, gas)               | May form combustible dust concentrations in air.                |
| j) Upper/lower flammability or             | Upper explosion limit: 73 %(V)<br>Lower explosion limit: 7 %(V) |

	explosive limits	
k)	Vapor pressure	No data available
l)	Vapor density	No data available
m)	Density	0.88 g/cm <sup>3</sup> at 25 °C (77 °F) - lit.
	Relative density	No data available
n)	Water solubility	No data available
o)	Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	No data available
p)	Autoignition temperature	No data available
q)	Decomposition temperature	No data available
r)	Viscosity	No data available
s)	Explosive properties	No data available
t)	Oxidizing properties	none

## 9.2 Other safety information

No data available

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## SECTION 10: Stability and reactivity

### 10.1 Reactivity

No data available

### 10.2 Chemical stability

No data available

### 10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions

Violent reactions possible with:

bases

Amines

acids

Strong oxidizing agents

Oxygen

(as liquefied gas)

### 10.4 Conditions to avoid

Exposure to moisture.

### 10.5 Incompatible materials

No data available

### 10.6 Hazardous decomposition products

In the event of fire: see section 5

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## SECTION 11: Toxicological information

### 11.1 Information on toxicological effects

#### Acute toxicity

LD50 Oral - Rat - 800 mg/kg

Remarks: (RTECS)

LC50 Inhalation - Rat - 4 h - 1.07 mg/l - dust/mist

Remarks: (RTECS)

Symptoms: mucosal irritations, Cough, Shortness of breath, Possible damages:, damage of respiratory tract, Lung edema

Inhalation: Irritating to respiratory system.

LD50 Dermal - Rabbit - 10,000 mg/kg

Remarks: (Lit.)

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Remarks: Causes skin irritation.

#### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Remarks: Causes serious eye damage.

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Human experience

Result: positive

Remarks: (External MSDS)

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Suspected of causing genetic defects.

#### Carcinogenicity

Presumed to have carcinogenic potential for humans

IARC: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

NTP: No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

OSHA: No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

#### Reproductive toxicity

No data available

#### Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation. - Respiratory system

#### Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure

No data available

#### Aspiration hazard

No data available

### 11.2 Additional Information

RTECS: RV0540000

May cause permanent eye injury.

To the best of our knowledge, the chemical, physical, and toxicological properties have not been thoroughly investigated.

After absorption:

Systemic effects:

drop in blood pressure

Other dangerous properties can not be excluded.

This substance should be handled with particular care.

Liver - Irregularities - Based on Human Evidence

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## **SECTION 12: Ecological information**

### **12.1 Toxicity**

Toxicity to fish                      LC50 - Oncorhynchus mykiss (rainbow trout) - 46 - 78 mg/l - 96 h  
Remarks: (ECOTOX Database)

### **12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No data available

### **12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No data available

### **12.4 Mobility in soil**

No data available

### **12.5 Results of PBT and vPvB assessment**

PBT/vPvB assessment not available as chemical safety assessment not required/not conducted

### **12.6 Endocrine disrupting properties**

No data available

### **12.7 Other adverse effects**

Reacts with water to form toxic decomposition products.  
Discharge into the environment must be avoided.

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**SECTION 13: Disposal considerations****13.1 Waste treatment methods**

No data available

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**SECTION 14: Transport information****DOT (US)**

UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Paraformaldehyde  
Reportable Quantity (RQ): 1000 lbs  
Poison Inhalation Hazard: No

**IMDG**

UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III EMS-No: F-A, S-G  
Proper shipping name: PARAFORMALDEHYDE

**IATA**

UN number: 2213 Class: 4.1 Packing group: III  
Proper shipping name: Paraformaldehyde

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**SECTION 15: Regulatory information****CERCLA Reportable Quantity**

Components	CAS-No.	Component RQ (lbs)	Calculated product RQ (lbs)
paraformaldehyde	30525-89-4	1000	1000

**SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

**SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity**

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Fire Hazard  
Acute Health Hazard  
Chronic Health Hazard

**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

**US State Regulations****Massachusetts Right To Know**

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**Pennsylvania Right To Know**

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**Maine Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Vermont Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**Washington Chemicals of High Concern**

Product does not contain any listed chemicals

**The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:**

TSCA : All substances listed as active on the TSCA inventory

**TSCA list**

No substances are subject to a Significant New Use Rule.

No substances are subject to TSCA 12(b) export notification requirements.

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**SECTION 16: Other information**

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